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Beeswax Wraps

This recipe is enough to make 6 squares of light, woven cotton,
30 cm x 30 cm or 12 x 12 inches

You will need:

- 100 grams (3.5 oz) Beeswax
- 20 grams (0.7 oz) Damar resin or Pine rosin
- 3 teaspoons (15 ml/0.5 fluid oz) Jojoba Oil

An old pot, old clean paintbrush (or a cheap new one), parchment paper or aluminum foil, mortar and pestle or some way of crushing the resin.

Second old pot that the wax pot will fit into to make a double boiler system. Old iron and a couple of cookie sheets.

Helpful tip: Buy your equipment at the thrift store because you won't be able to use in your kitchen again.

Method:

- Prewash and dry the cotton. Use pinking shears when cutting fabric to prevent fraying.
- Chop up beeswax into chunks and place in an old pot
- Crush the resin in mortar and pestle and add to the wax
- Melt over medium heat in a double boiler system and stir intermittently until all the wax and resin is melted together.
- Add jojoba oil and stir well
- Paint evenly onto the fabric
- Iron between 2 sheets of parchment paper, or heat soak in oven at 200 degrees F between 2 sheets of Aluminum foil.

Tip for breaking the beeswax and the resin. Place in plastic bag and leave in the freezer. Take out and hit it with a hammer to break up into smaller pieces.